

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled):

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claim 1~~, selected from:

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(1R)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(1-methyl-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-6-yl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(6-(methyloxy)-5-{{2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl}oxy}-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-{{2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(2,5-difluorophenyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({2-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(2,6-difluorophenyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5-[(3-hydroxypropyl)oxy]-6-(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl}oxy)-2-thiophene-carbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{(3-bromo-4-pyridinyl)methyl}oxy}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
1-[5-cyano-4-{{2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl}oxy)-2-thienyl]-N-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-1H-benzimidazole-5-carboxamide

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({(1 <i>R</i>)-1-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-phenylethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-[(trifluoromethyl)oxy]phenyl)methyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[2-(methyloxy)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2-furanylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2 <i>H</i> -pyran-2-ylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(phenyloxy)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(1 <i>S</i>)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)butyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(3-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile <u>and</u>
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(1 <i>R</i>)-1-methylpropyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

or a salt, ~~solvate, or physiologically functional derivative~~ thereof.

Claims 11-18 (Cancelled):

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 10, or a salt, ~~, solvate, or a physiologically functional derivative~~ thereof and one or more of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents and excipients.